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NAT'L ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (NARECO) PLS PASS TO JABLON
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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE JAPAN TIMES, TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 28. QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
ATOM BOMB VICTIMS IN THE UNITED STATES MADE AN APPEAL TO THE
MAYOR OF HIROSHIMA MONDAY TO DISPATCH DOCTORS SPECIALIZING IN
RADIATION DISEASES TO THE U.S. TO TREAT ATOM BOMB SUFFERERS.

KANJI KURAMOTO, 50 OF SAN FRANCISCO, VISTING JAPAN
TO SEEK JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AID FOR JAPANESE ATOM BOMB VICTIMS
LIVING IN THE U.S., MADE THE APPEAL PERSONALLY AT MAYOR TAKESHI
ARAKI'S OFFICE.

KURAMOTO TOLD ARAKI THAT A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY HIROAKI YAMADA,
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FORMERLY OF THE ATOMIC BOMB CASUALTY COMMISSON (ABCC),
EARLY THIS YEAR PUT THE NUMBER OF ATOM BOMB VICTIMS IN
THE U.S. AT ABOUT 350.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, HIS ORGANIZATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE
ABOUT 400 SUCH VICTIMS AND IF THOSE LIVING IN HAWAII AND

OTHER OUTLYING PARTS OF THE U.S. ARE INCLUDED, THE NUMBER WOULD PROBABLY REACH ABOUT 1,000.

HE SAID THE LONG-CHERISHED DESIRE OF THESE PEOPLE IS TO BE EXAMINED BY A JAPANESE RADIATION SPECIALIST.

ARAKI, WHEN HE VISITED THE U.S. RECENTLY, CONFERRED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ABOUT SENDING JAPANESE DOCTORS TO THE U.S. TO TREAT ATOM BOMB VICTIMS.

THE HIROSHIMA PREFECTURAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTERPART ESTABLISHED A SISTERSHIP TIE-UP IN MID-DECEMBER FOR THE PURPOSE.

THE THEN HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER MASAMI TANAKA HAD PROMISED MRS. KAZUE SUEISHI, 49, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ATOM BOMB VICTIMS IN THE U.S., TO SEND JAPANESE PHYSICIANS TO THE U.S. TANAKA MADE THE PROMISE WHEN MRS. SUEISHI CALLED ON HIM SOME TIME AGO.

THE CHIEF OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRY'S PUBLIC HEALTH BUREAU ALSO INDICATED TO KURAMOTO HE WOULD EXERT EFFORTS TO REALIZE THE DISPATCH OF PHYSICIANS BY MARCH.
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